


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case 32-CA-282171	Date Filed 8/26/2021

INSTRUCTIONS

File an original together with four copies and a copy for each additional charged party in item 1 with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT		
a. Name of Employer Chevron Products Company		b. Number of workers employed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
c. Address (street, city, state, ZIP code) 841 Chevron Way Richmond, CA 94801	d. Employer Representative (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	e. Telephone No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Fax No. (510) 242-2057
f. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Oil Refinery	g. Identify principal product or service Manufacturing Oil Products	
h. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1), (3) and (5) of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act.		
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)		
<p>Within the six months immediately preceding the filing of this charge, the above-named employer, by and through its agents, violated the Act when it engaged in direct dealing concerning, including but not limited to, the hiring of The Bevel Group with regard to interface with, evaluate and survey bargaining unit members, etc.; by harassing bargaining unit members and creating an unsafe work environment; and by refusing to bargain with the Union concerning The Bevel Group.</p>		
By the above and other acts, the above-named employer has interfered with, restrained, and coerced employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act.		
3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) United Steelworkers, Local 5		
4a. Address (street and number, city, state and ZIP code) P.O. Box 349, Martinez, CA 94553		b. Telephone No. (925) 313-0870 Fax No. (925) 313-0708
5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization). United Steelworkers International Union, AFL-CIO		
6. DECLARATION		
I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
By  Signature of representative or person making charge Kristina L. Hillman		Title Attorney
Address 1375 – 55 th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608		Telephone No. 510-337-1001 (Fax) 510-337-1023
		Date August 26, 2021 1\1199656



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August 31, 2021

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Chevron Products Company
841 Chervron Way
Richmond, CA 94801

Re: Chevron Products Company
Case 32-CA-282171

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner ALEXANDER M. HAJDUK whose telephone number is (510)671-3024. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney CATHERINE VENTOLA whose telephone number is (510)671-3049.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board

agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

Correspondence: All documents submitted to the Region regarding your case MUST be filed through the Agency's website, www.nlr.gov. This includes all formal pleadings, briefs, as well as affidavits, documentary evidence, and position statements. The Agency requests all evidence submitted electronically to be in the form it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format).

If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. Please ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Hardy-Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

VALERIE HARDY-MAHONEY
Regional Director

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire



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August 31, 2021

United Steelworkers, Local 5
PO Box 349
Martinez, CA 94533

Re: Chevron Products Company
Case 32-CA-282171

Dear Sir or Madam:

The charge that you filed in this case on August 26, 2021 has been docketed as case number 32-CA-282171. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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**Re: Chevron Products Company
Case 32-CA-282171**

Dear Mr. Orfield and Ms. Hillman:

The Region has carefully considered the charge alleging that Chevron Products Company (Employer) violated the National Labor Relations Act.

Decision to Partially Dismiss:

I have decided to dismiss the portions of the charge alleging that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(1) and Section 8(a)(3) of the Act by its use of a third-party contractor to study bargaining unit job functions. The evidence was insufficient to establish that the contractor harassed bargaining unit employees or otherwise engaged in conduct implicating Section 8(a)(1) or Section 8(a)(3) of the Act.

As explained below, I have also decided that further proceedings on the remaining Section 8(a)(5) portions of the charge should be handled in accordance with the deferral policy of the National Labor Relations Board as set forth in *Collyer Insulated Wire*, 192 NLRB 837 (1971), and *United Technologies Corp.*, 268 NLRB 557 (1984). This letter explains that deferral policy, the reasons for my decision to defer further processing of the charge, and the Charging Party's right to appeal my decision.

Decision to Partially Defer:

Deferral Policy: The Board's deferral policy provides that the Board will postpone making a final determination on a charge when a grievance involving the same issue can be processed under the grievance/arbitration provision of the applicable contract. This policy is partially based on the preference that the parties use their contractual grievance procedure to achieve a prompt, fair, and effective settlement of their disputes. Therefore, if an employer agrees to waive contractual time limits and process the related grievance through arbitration if necessary, the Board's Regional Office will defer the charge.

Decision to Defer: Based on our investigation, I am deferring further proceedings on the remaining portions of the charge in this matter to the grievance/arbitration process for the following reasons:

1. The Employer and the United Steelworkers, Local 5 have a collective-bargaining agreement currently in effect that provides for final and binding arbitration.
2. The issues of whether the Employer failed to bargain regarding its use of a third-party contractor to study bargaining unit job functions or whether that contractor engaged in direct dealing with bargaining unit employees as alleged in the charge are encompassed by the terms of the collective-bargaining agreement.
3. The Employer is willing to process a grievance concerning the issues in the charge, and will arbitrate the grievance if necessary. The Employer has also agreed to waive any time limitations in order to ensure that the arbitrator addresses the merits of the dispute.
4. Since the issues in the charge appear to be covered by provisions of the collective-bargaining agreement, it is likely that the issues may be resolved through the grievance/arbitration procedure.

Further Processing of the Charge: As explained below, while the charge is deferred, the Regional office will monitor the processing of the grievance and, under certain circumstances, will resume processing of the charge.

Charging Party's Obligation: Under the Board's *Collyer* deferral policy, the Charging Party has an affirmative obligation to file a grievance, if a grievance has not already been filed. If the Charging Party fails either to promptly submit the grievance to the grievance/arbitration process or declines to have the grievance arbitrated if it is not resolved, I may dismiss the charge.

Charged Party's Conduct: If the Charged Party prevents or impedes resolution of the grievance, raises a defense that the grievance is untimely filed, or refuses to arbitrate the grievance, I will revoke deferral and resume processing of the charge.

Monitoring the Dispute: Approximately every 90 days, the Regional Office will ask the parties about the status of this dispute to determine if the dispute has been resolved and if continued deferral is appropriate. However, at any time, a party may present evidence and request dismissal of the charge, continued deferral of the charge, or issuance of a complaint.

Notice to Arbitrator Form: If the grievance is submitted to an arbitrator, please sign and submit to the arbitrator the enclosed "Notice to Arbitrator" form to ensure that the Region receives a copy of an arbitration award when the arbitrator sends the award to the parties.

Review of Arbitrator's Award or Settlement: If the grievance is arbitrated or settled, the Charging Party may ask the Board to review the arbitrator's award or settlement. The request must be in writing and addressed to me. If the request concerns an arbitrator's award, the request should analyze whether the arbitration process was fair and regular, whether the unfair labor practice allegations in the charge were considered by the arbitrator, and whether the award is consistent with the Act. Further guidance on this review is provided in *Spielberg Manufacturing Company*, 112 NLRB 1080 (1955) and *Olin Corp.*, 268 NLRB 573 (1984). If the request concerns a grievance settlement, see *Alpha Beta*, 273 NLRB 1546 (1985). These Board decisions are available on our website, www.nlr.gov.

Change in Standards if Parties Agree to Submit Statutory Issue to Arbitrator: If during the processing of the grievance the parties agree to authorize the arbitrator to decide the statutory issue, please advise me in writing.

Charging Party's Right to Appeal: The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

Means of Filing: You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Written instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at www.nlr.gov. See [User Guide](#). A video demonstration which provides [step-by-step instructions](#) and frequently asked questions are also available at www.nlr.gov. If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact E-Filing@nlrb.gov.

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel at the National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on **December 20, 2021**. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than December 19, 2021. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before December 20, 2021**. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website www.nlr.gov, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after December 14, 2021, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,



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